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# The Richard Plaschka-scholarship promotes university lecturers from all historic disciplines, who wish to focus on Austrian specific historic topics and to seek a stay in Austria for research purpose. To deal with Austrian History and the cross-border co-operation are in the spotlight of the scholarship. As a visiting researcher the scholarship holder can work at a faculty or conduct studies at archives, libraries and research institutions.

## Duration:

4 up to 18 months

Online application only at <http://www.scholarships.at/>

twice a year: March 1<sup>st</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>

For further information:

[www.grants.at](http://www.grants.at)

## Area of study:

Historical Sciences

## Type of support:

Grants

## Type of grant:

Grant for one semester or year, research scholarship

Funding: National

## Target group:

Postgraduates, PhD holders, post docs, researchers

## Authority awarding grant:

OeAD-GmbH/ICM on behalf and with financial support by the BMWFW

The Austrian historian **Richard Plaschka** (1925-2001) was a Professor at the University of Vienna from 1967 to 1993. From 1981 to 1982 he was Rector of the University of Vienna and headed the Austrian Institute for Eastern and Southeastern European History.

His name stands for a cross border and common critical appraisal of History in the Eastern- and Southeastern European Region.



Dr. Franko Ćorić  
Faculty of Philosophy  
University of Zagreb  
Fellow 2011-2012

For me it is great that the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy offers a scholarship for researchers who are engaged in Austrian topics outside of the country. In the history of the occidental preservation of historical monuments the *K.K. Zentralkommission für Erforschung und Erhaltung der Kunst- und historischen Denkmale*, precursor of the Austrian federal office for preservation of historical monuments, played an important role. Thus, I am very delighted about having been awarded by the committee which appreciated the importance of the topic.

Throughout my stay in Vienna I had access to new records for the reprocessing of my doctoral thesis into a monograph, which was published soon after. Within the preparation for my habilitation, which took place afterwards, the Richard Plaschka-scholarship was very important, as through it, one of the requirements of the council of rectors was fulfilled.

With regard to the program per se I would like to mention that it is a small but valuable program for researchers who are engaged in Austrian topics outside Austria. Due to historical conditions and the fact that relevant documents are stored either in Vienna or Graz, I see the program as very helpful and important.



PD Dr. Sašo Jerše  
Department of History  
University of Ljubljana  
Fellow 2009-2010

The months in Austria as a Richard Plaschka-fellow were the most important and fruitful times during my academic career as a researcher and lecturer. Throughout the scholarship I had the unique opportunity to continue my studies about land authorities within Austrian hereditary lands in the Early Modern Age. The results gained were exploited and utilized in various essays, which should have been collected in a book afterwards. With gratefulness and pleasure I remember many conversations I had with Austrian colleagues which in the meantime turned into friends. What remained is a lasting impression which characterized my research as well as my teaching. Therefore my memories for my time in Austria are great and serve as inspiration for my daily work.



Prof. Dr. Heather Morrison  
Department of History  
State University of New York  
Fellow 2008-2009, 2010, 2014

When I applied for the Richard Plaschka-scholarship in 2008, I was an early career Austrianist beginning a tenure-track position in history in the United States. As a result of the early career support provided through the Richard Plaschka-scholarship and the publications coming out of it, I have now received tenure and promotion to the Associate Professor rank. Two more months of funding this past year supported research for a second book, which will become the basis for eventual promotion to Full Professor. The ongoing supports of the program, its helpful leadership and the organization of the Plaschka through the OeAD have been wonderful through each and every one of my stays in Vienna. Through them, I have enjoyed the time in Vienna essential to my development as a teacher of Austrian history, a scholar of the *Viennese enlightenment*, and a member of a close community of fellows. The security provided by the ongoing career support of the Richard Plaschka-scholarship also allows me to plan future research projects without being too limited by distance to the archives.

Receiving the Richard Plaschka-Stipendium allowed a year off from teaching and a substantive expansion in my research. The process of grant writing and then interviewing with the academic committee developed my ideas while my success in achieving funding in these internationally competitive grants provided essential motivation and support for my future work.

Beyond the scholarly research and publications I developed while on the Plaschka-Stipendium, I also expanded my teaching in Hapsburg History and developed lasting connections to other scholars in my field. I am extremely grateful to the program, its organizers, and the academic committee that reviews the files and attribute my career development to the multi-faceted support of this Stipendium.



PH Dr. Michael Viktořík  
Faculty of Philosophy  
Palacký University Olomouc  
Fellow 2007-2008, 2010, 2012

These times it is very hard to gain financial support for research; especially in the field of narrow historic topics. Thanks to the Richard Plaschka-scholarship I had the unique opportunity to get to know the broad field of the Hapsburg Monarchy and collaborated with many historians out of the field. In the context of the scholarship I conducted my research project for six months in different archives and libraries in Vienna where interesting and essential documents are stored. The research results I gained were not only applied to my publications, but also very helpful for my teaching at the University of Olomouc. Throughout the scholarship I got to know many experts and built up friendships with colleagues from all over the world.